

THE BRANDON MAIL

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FIVE CENTS



Something Cute in a Hat.

You can buy a Hat in every town in Canada, and perhaps it won't be half a bad Hat at that.

You can pay virtually any price you please, and you can take your chances where you spend your money. If you are fond of taking chances, take them: if you are not—just try our Flexible Derby at \$1.50. It isn't as light as a feather, but it's light enough. We have it in three shapes, large, small and medium, and if they don't become you the hat that will become you has never yet been made.

We have, beyond question, the largest assortment of hats in the province, including the famous "John B. Stetson," "Woodrow," "Benson," "Knox," "Lincoln-Bennett," "Pelham" & Leslie makes, forming a wall 10 feet high and 60 feet long, with prices ranging from 50c to \$7.00.

Your Hattention is respectfully solicited. In our gent's furnishing department we are like hundreds of our hats—away on a head—Scarfs, puffs, knots, tecks, four-in-hands and all the other varieties can be found here in greater profusion and closer prices than any other place on the globe, explored and unexplored.

MILLER & CO.

Boston Clothing House, Brandon.

Corner Rosser Avenue and 9th St.

800 MEN

and boys can get fitted out in first-class style from our immense stock of Spring and Summer Clothing. The goods are fresh and new. As for style and finish they can't be beat anywhere, and another good feature, THE PRICES ARE RIGHT. Our new Hats and Caps are of the latest styles, any shape or color you want, and any size. Come and get your choice as some lines are certain of selling fast and we can't repeat them, and in neck wear of any description you will find just what is

Wanted For The

season. Our immense stock of Ties and Scarfs, a beautiful range of Patterns and Stock of Prints and Sateens have only got to be inspected to convince you that we have the best choice as well as the largest stock to choose from of any house in Brandon. We have a choice lot of Spring Mantles and Dress Goods, Silks, Trimmings, Hosiery, &c., &c., shipped some time ago from London, England, and Glasgow, Scotland; should have been here a week ago, but will be along as soon as the

C. P. R.

can get them here. Our staple department will be found well stocked with bargains in all lines. We can say the same of our House Furnishing department. Carpets will be found here to suit the most particular buyer. Curtains in endless variety of make and style to select from. Come early and secure bargains at

The Leading Dry Goods House,

I. R. STROME & CO.

Manitoba Text Books.

Petitions in Circulation For Presentation to the Minister of Education.

The following petition has been prepared by the public school trustees of Selkirk. It is proposed to send the petitions to all school boards in the province with a request, if approved of, to send to the minister of education.

To the Hon. Daniel McLean, minister of education of the Province of Manitoba: The petition of the undersigned trustees of the public school district of Selkirk, humbly sheweth:

That the present cost to the parents of the text books in use in the public schools of Manitoba is exorbitant, and out of all proportion to what it ought to be.

1. That the high prices charged for said books presses unduly upon those heads of families who, as a rule have the least purchasing power, in some instances actually preventing children of indigent parents from being sent to school.

2. That the logical sequence of a system of free education is "free books."

3. That it is desirable and otherwise expedient in the interests of the higher education of the people that the government undertake the compiling, printing and publishing of all text books for the use of public schools of Manitoba, with the view of supplying the same to the various schools free of cost to the parents.

4. If this were done less books would be required, as they could be made the property of the schools and would be handed from one pupil to another as occasion demanded and the scholars moved to higher standards.

5. The books being provided by the government will be produced at the minimum cost, which cost will be defrayed by the state, which is admittedly the party chiefly benefited by the higher education of its members—the people.

Therefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honorable government will cause the necessary legislation to be enacted at an early date to provide the children attending our public schools with free books, in accordance with the reasons hereinbefore set forth.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound will ever pray etc.

W. GIBBS, Secretary-Treasurer. Chairman.

A. GRANT DESERED.

A deputation consisting of D. McIntyre, superintendent of the city schools, Dr. Bryce and Principal Goggin, of the Normal school, waited on the Hon. D. McLean yesterday afternoon to secure some aid from the province towards the Dominion teachers' association, which will hold its meeting in Montreal in July, Ontario and Quebec have already voted sums of money, the former giving \$500.

Mr. Goggin, as a member of the executive committee of the association, introduced the members to Mr. McLean, who is vice president of the association. He listened very attentively, as he looked with favor upon the scheme and said he believed the government would do its share towards assisting in making the gathering a success. It is thought that a sum will be placed in the estimates for this purpose.

QU'APPELLE.

Everything is quiet around Qu'Appelle owing to the very cold weather of late, the thermometer ranging from zero to 25 below.

It is understood that an elevator is to be erected in this town the coming summer or fall. This is a good scheme, and will improve our town wonderfully.

Dakota farmers are among us looking for land and it is understood have rented farms in the vicinity of Qu'Appelle, and have returned to bring their families to their new homes.

The farmers are preparing for spring so they may have everything in shape when seeding begins.

The flour mill is now running but we cannot say how long it will be running.

Dr. T. A. Slocum's

OXYGENIZED EMULSION OF COD LIVER OIL. If you have weak Lungs—Use it. For sale by all druggists. 35 cents per bottle.

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City Council.

The Site for the Pump Shop for the Water Works Selected.

The city council held their regular meeting on Monday evening last.

Present—Mayor McDermid, Aldermen Hanbury, Spencer, Gibson, Christie, J.A. Merritt, McGregor, Colwell and Russell.

The minutes of last regular meeting read and adopted.

A communication from Dr. Fleming, asking Council for the use of the new city hall for Joe Hess to lecture in on the 10th, 11th, 12th and possibly the 13th of May.

Also, one from Silas Robinson, Advance agent of Imperial Stock Company, agreeing to fix up the stage of the new city hall with first-class material and warrant a satisfactory job for the sum of \$75 and the use of hall for two nights for the Imperial Stock Company to perform in.

A discussion then took place, some claiming that the local artists ought to be given a chance, while others held that Mr. Silas Robinson being a wide experienced man, and accustomed to the stage, that he would certainly be competent in fulfilling the contract to satisfaction. Referred to Board of Works.

The important topic of the evening was then proceeded with, viz., the site for the pump shop, and after two or three hours discussion, the site on 25th street was selected in preference to the one on 32nd street.

Spring Assizes.

The Assizes closed on Thursday—Judge Dubuc presided.

CASES.

Jackson vs. Neill, breach of promise. T. M. Daly, Q.C., for plaintiff, and J. S. Ewart, Q.C., for defendant. Adjourned till next assizes.

Crown vs. British North America Fire Insurance Company. T. M. Daly, Q.C., and W. H. Culbert, Q.C., for plaintiff, and J. S. Ewart, Q.C., for defendant. Verdict by consent, \$475.

Houlton vs. Williams et al. Verdict for plaintiff, W. A. Macdonald.

Brown vs. Myers. Equity case. Judgment reserved. J. R. Hany for plaintiff, W. A. Macdonald for defendant.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

15th July -- Who Prepare the Papers.

The teachers' examination throughout the Province commences on July 5th, at places selected by the Department of Education.

At a meeting of the Advisory Board on Wednesday, the following persons were appointed to prepare papers:

English—D. J. Goggin and S.E. Lang. Science—Dr. Bryce, Dr. Laird.

History and Geography—W. A. McIntyre and Dr. Wellwood.

Grammar, etc.—D.H. McMahon and E.E. Best.

Mathematics—Prof. Cochrane and H.S. McLean.

The following were appointed sub-examiners:

English—D. J. Goggin, J. C. Saul, A. S. Ross, C.E. Easton, J. M. Maguire, F. H. Schofield.

Mathematics—Prof. Cochrane, F. F. Kerr, J. H. McArthur.

History and Geography—W. P. Argue, J. H. Mulvey, W. A. McIntyre, J. Wilson and R. L. Davidson.

Science—R. C. Cheswright and E. A. Garrett.

Rev. Dr. Bryce, Prof. Cochrane and Supt. McIntyre were appointed a committee to prepare a programme of studies for the collegiate department.

Hugh Perry was granted a third class non-professional certificate, good until Dec. 31st, 1892.

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The C. P. R. Strike.

It is a more difficult job to get at the pros and cons of this unfortunate occurrence, than any outsider might imagine. The Winnipeg dailies are repeating columns each day and a large amount of contradicting each day what had appeared in the previous issue. As a matter of policy, if not through instructions from head quarters all station men, agents, sub-operators, etc., are as silent as the grave, they have nothing to say. The strikers on the other hand though free with their version of the case, are careful and guarded in many details. The substance then is there are now from 200 to 3000 men, yardmen, conductors and brakemen on strike, all except what they call "scabs", non-union men, between Vancouver and Chalk River, near the river. The men claim that though they demanded higher wages than they were getting, it is not the wages question that led them to strike. They have a Union continental in its extent that binds them to certain practices and certain obligations to one another, and the company have long declined to break in this manner in so far as the C. P. R. is concerned. To that end the company a week ago last Sunday, as the strikers put it, the Company discharged a number of employees for not renouncing the union. This act was the match to the tinder.

A strike between Port Arthur and Winnipeg, followed immediately, and it has day by day extended each way until Vancouver and Chalk River have been reached. It is not likely the strike will extend much farther west, but at writing it is hard to say how much farther east it may extend, or how many more employees may join in the procession.

A short time since the wages of passenger conductors was advanced but the runs were made longer, so the strikers say the company made instead of lost financially by this move.

A telegram from here appeared in the Winnipeg papers the other day, saying: An attempt was made by the strikers on the platform to start a train by giving the driver word "to go," while a man was under the train making repairs rendering a serious accident imminent. This they declare was a fabrication as also the report that shots were fired at Portage by dismissed men. They say torpedoes were broken on the rails by a passing train and that is all there is about it.

Three or four days ago a posse of mounted police in number was brought to Brandon by the C. P. R. to keep peace if necessary, but the citizens generally admit this was unnecessary, as the men without exception appear to be orderly and law abiding in every respect. There are about 40 men here, but still the passenger trains go east and west, and the St. James branch has regular services. Messrs. B. Colwell and W. Duncan appear however, to be the only regular men on duty, the rest of the service is filled by office clerks, inside officials and new hands. The depot hands are refusing new shipments, but imports are coming in with much regularity, and consignments on hand before the strike are going out with regularity.

The Company are making a great effort to fill all the service with new hands, and the strikers are lying in abeyance hoping or desiring to persuade themselves the effort will prove failure, and so the matter stands in suspense, but something will have to give before long.

Brandon Market Prices.

The grain market is looking up a little again. The prices to day range as follows:

Wheat No. 1 Hard..... 70c

" " " "..... 62c

" " " "..... 45c

" " " "..... 35c

" " " "..... 25c

" " " "..... 20c

Oats..... 16c

Barley..... 18-20c

Beef (live weight)..... 3-35c

Beef (dressed)..... 4c

Pork..... 6-10c

Mutton..... 10c

Furley..... 10c

Chickens..... 9-10c

Geese..... 18-20c

Butter (graded)..... 15c

Eggs..... 15c

Hay per ton..... \$9.00-11.00

Calves..... \$8.00-10.00

Police Court.

Ben. Powley, Oak Lake, for selling liquor to Indians.—Fined \$50.00 and costs.

Phil. Mulholland, Oak Lake, selling liquor to Indians.—Fined \$50.00 and costs.

Sam. Smoots.—Fined \$50.00 and costs.

The above three pleaded guilty.

Two Indians, Ekina and Nak-koo, by name, for selling liquor to other Indians.—Let go on warning.

Joseph Lennox, selling liquor to Indians.—Let off with warning.

The 17th of March Concert.

The concert given in the new City Hall here has been the means of considerable comment ever since. Some exception was taken in some quarters to the taste in selection, but all agree the condition was good in every case, and that taken all in all it was one of the best entertainments ever given in this place. To Mr. Kavanagh the most of the credit must be given for the success of the entertainment.

Under the new time card to take effect on the N.P. on the 3rd of April, the passenger train will leave Brandon for Winnipeg at 6.45 a.m. and arrive at Winnipeg at 1.10 p.m. same day, as at present, making close connections at Morris for south. Freight trains will leave and arrive at same time as at present.

Y. M. C. A.

Dr. J. Fraser's Talk on "The Ear" Highly Entertaining.

One of the aims of the Young Men's Christian Association is the building up of the intellectual side of a man's nature, and one of the ways in which this is carried out is by giving practical talks on scientific topics. The first of these talks in connection with the local association was given on Tuesday evening last by Dr. Stewart Fraser, who had for his subject "The Ear."

The audience, of about one hundred, was composed principally of young men, though there were quite a number of ladies present.

The Doctor handled his subject in a very masterly way and by avoiding technical terms those present could follow him throughout without difficulty.

He treated his subject under three heads: "The Anatomy of the Ear," "The Physiology of the Ear," "Diseases of the Ear and their Prevention."

Each part was illustrated by charts which helped to impress upon the memory the words of the speaker. At the close a vote of thanks was tendered to Dr. Fraser for his entertaining and instructive lecture, and all went home convinced that the Ear is one of the most interesting organs of the body.

Sensible.

EDITOR OF MAIL.

DEAR SIR, I have forwarded you by this mail a copy of our voters' list and am sure that by sending sample copies of your paper to settlers, you would have many new subscribers. There is no paper worthy of being so called except yours west of Winnipeg.

Yours respectfully,

GEORGE BEVAN, Clerkman of Archie.

The Strike Ended.

The following message was received by Conductor Leitch last evening from E. E. Clark and S. E. Wilkinson, leaders of the Union:

ARCHIE LEITCH, Brandon. Agreement settling strike reached. All men re-instated. Instruct all to return to work at once.

Mr. John Doran, Jr., brother of S. C. Doran, arrived on Tuesday from his eastern home with his partner for life and a car load of horses and household effects. This bespeaks his future permanent location here in the future of which we are glad, as he is to be followed next week by his father, who is one of Brandon's old pioneers of '70.

Does "The Queen" Actually Give Away Pianos?

DEAR MR. EDITOR:

Replying to several enquiries regarding THE QUEEN'S OFFER to give away one of Mason & Risch's high class upright Pianos each month during 1892, we have received an order from the publishers of THE CANADIAN QUEEN for twelve of our Studio Uprights in solid black walnut cases, our price for which is \$225 each. These are to be shipped direct from our factory or salesmen to a sample of these supplied us by the publishers of THE QUEEN. As far as the quality of the piano is concerned, every person with a cultivated ear for music knows what the Mason-Risch piano is, and the ones to be supplied to THE QUEEN are the same high grade as far as tone, etc., is concerned, the best we make. A sample of these prize pianos is on exhibition at our warehouse, 32 King Street West, Toronto, and can be examined by you or any of your friends at any time it suits your convenience.

Yours truly,

MASON & RISCH, Toronto, Ont., 22

Who Will be the Next.

The first prize piano offered by the publishers of THE QUEEN, was won by Miss Eva Watson, 66 Chase Ave., Parkdale, Ont.; the second prize piano was won by Edward W. Dowling, Clerk in the Windsor Hotel, Montreal; the third prize piano was won by Edward W. Gardner, 28 Sullivan St., Toronto, Ont.

The Queen's Monthly Puzzle.

If Moses was the son of Pharaoh's daughter, what relation would Moses be to the daughter of Pharaoh's son?

The Queen will give in "Legion" Mason & Risch Fine Toned Upright Piano to the first person answering the above problem correctly; an elegant Gold Watch for the second correct answer; a China Dinner Set for the third correct answer; an elegant Silk Dress Pattern for the fourth correct answer; and many other valuable prizes, all of which are announced in the issue of THE QUEEN. A valuable \$50.00 prize will be given for the first correct answer from a reader of the "Brandon Mail."

Each person answering must enclose fifteen two cent stamps for THE CANADIAN QUEEN. Send your answers to the Editor, together with a copy of THE QUEEN, containing a beautiful water color reproduction, "Seven, He Loves," and full particulars of our Educational Prize Competitions. The object of offering these prizes is to increase the circulation of this popular magazine. By sending money you may secure a valuable prize and draw THE CANADIAN QUEEN, Toronto, Can.

NEW CENTS' FURNISHING AND HAT STORE.

- J. NATION -

BEGS to announce to the gentlemen of Brandon and vicinity that he will open on

SATURDAY, THE 12th. MARCH.

a large and entirely new stock of Gent's Furnishing Goods, including the very latest novelties in English and American Ties, Braces, Gloves &c., &c. German English and Domestic Dress Shirts, Collars and Cuffs, Neckties and Regatta Shirts—New Patterns. Fine Wool Balbriggan, Silk and Cotton Underwear.

Handkerchiefs, Socks, &c.

English and American Hats in all the new colorings and Shapes.

Very complete range of Caps, Knockabouts, Hats and Straw Goods.

As my stock is entirely new and only the best class of Goods will be kept, I trust that by careful attention to the wants of the trade, and by selling at close prices to merit a fair share of your patronage.

-? INSPECTION SOLICITED -? LAUGHTON'S OLD STAND,

(Opposite - Queen's - Hotel)

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Manitoba, N.W. Territory
AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Just imagine Rupture held without springs, without belts. The Pad only comes in weight, not larger than a figure eight.

Club Feet. Such cases are made without operation or trouble. Complete system.

CHAS. CLUTHE, SURGICAL MACHINIST,
124 King Street West, Toronto, Ont., and
for full catalogue of valuable information free.

I will be at the Following Places, on Which You can Fully Depend:

WINNIPEG, Man., Queen's Hotel, Monday, April 25th.
WINNIPEG, Man., Manitoba Hotel, Tues. and Wed., April 26 & 27.
BRANDON, Man., Grand View Hotel, Thursday, April 28th.
CALGARY, N. W. T., Alberta House, Saturday, April 30th.

Hartney.

A Very Progressive Town.

Mr. Hartney, a very progressive man, has been in the town for some time, and has been very successful in his business. He has been in the town for some time, and has been very successful in his business.

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FLEMING & SONS, PAISLEY & MORTON'S CHEMISTS AND DUGGISTS.

Compliments to the Ladies of Brandon and vicinity.

We invite an inspection of our Spring Stock. Calling particular attention to the following:

Stanley and Cravenette Suitings in various shades and styles. These are worthy of special attention.

Our Dress Goods in Llama, Henrietta and Crepon Cloth Cashmere, Nona's Weavings with trimmings to suit.

All admit that our Satens and French Prints have never been surpassed for choice patterns and colors.

As for our assortment in Flannels, of all shades and prices are well worth seeing before buying in your supply.

Our stock of Hosiery, Gloves, Mitts, Millinery and Fancy Goods is now complete.

Excelsior Marble Works
JAS. THOMPSON,
MARBLE SCULPTOR AND
FINE STONE CUTTER.

Monuments & Tombstones
A Specialty.

CALL AND INSPECT OUR WORK.
SHOP on Seventh street opposite Police Station, Brandon, Jan. 24, 25.

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Emerson &
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Manufacturers and Dealers in

Tents, Mat-
tresses,
Awnings,
Shirts and
Overalls

of all sizes and description.

We make and repair Bind-
ing Canvases for all kinds of
Binders in the Markets.

Special attention paid to
Wholesale orders of Mat-
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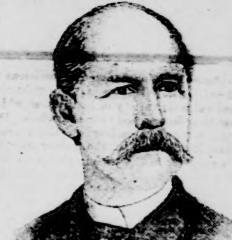
Entitled to the Best.

All are entitled to the best that their money will buy, so every family should have at once, a bottle of the best family remedy, Syrup of Figs, to cleanse the system when constipated or bilious. For sale in 75 cent bottles by all leading druggists.

TOXICITY, March 17.—The Mail's Montreal correspondent says he has been informed that as soon as the legislature meets a formal indictment will be laid against Mercer, who will have offered his resignation as member for Beauport to the speaker, and that a motion will then be made expelling Mercer from the legislature. In the meantime proceedings will be taken to contest his election in the courts.

EMERSON
& WINDER

Opposite Brunswick Hotel.



W. L. DOUGLAS.
\$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00

SHOES.

Women's \$1.75 Kid Oxford and \$3.00 Boots.

SOLID COMFORTS

Just opened at

ZINK BROS.

Brandon, Manitoba.

Phoenix Hall.

L. STOCKTON,

THE PIONEER AND LEADING

Merchant Tailor

STILL TO THE FRONT.

and wishes to inform the public and my old customers that I am now giving my whole attention to the Tailoring business and doing my own cutting. For perfect fit and imported stylish goods we have no equal in the city. My stock is the largest in the city, bought expecting an enormous crop of wheat, and at bottom prices. We must unload, and have decided to sell almost at any price for cash. Can save you a V on a suit or overcoat, as in the pants.

Yours to please,
L. STOCKTON.

The Great Star Tinshop. ROBT. C. SMITH

Has opened a Shop on the north side of Rosser Avenue, between 7th and 8th Streets, next door east of Mr. Botting's Barber Shop. He always keeps on hand all the latest kinds of

TINWARE,
STOVES,
FURNACES,
PLUMBING,
Etc., Etc.

He also manufactures to order, out of the best material, on short notice.

ORDERS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.
Conceive work and Roofing a specialty.

A call respectfully solicited.

All work warranted.

R. C. SMITH.
Feb. 18, 1892 1y

Boots & Shoes

I am now prepared to supply the citizens of Wawanesa and surrounding vicinity, with Boots and shoes.

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION
Ready made Boots and Shoes, (rubbers, etc., always on hand at reasonable prices.)

Repairing Attended to PROMPTLY.

Ordered work (pressed or sewed) a specialty. A Call Solicited.

R. HARRY. - Wawanesa.

CREDIT DISCONTINUED.

The undersigned has, on order his thanks to the public in general for the liberal patronage they have given him, and to announce at the same time, that for the future his business will be continued on the cash basis only. He has experienced that credit makes business matters much more extensive than otherwise. The business man and the mechanic must charge now for their wares and work, and the purchaser must pay for his receipts. He has therefore resolved on collecting at once all outstanding accounts that are collectable, and on bringing work down to hard pan prices for each. He is ever ready to turn out the best work that can be done by the country, in the most skillful workman that cash can engage, and at the lowest prices for the quality on hand. This system of business will prove the most satisfactory to all concerned.

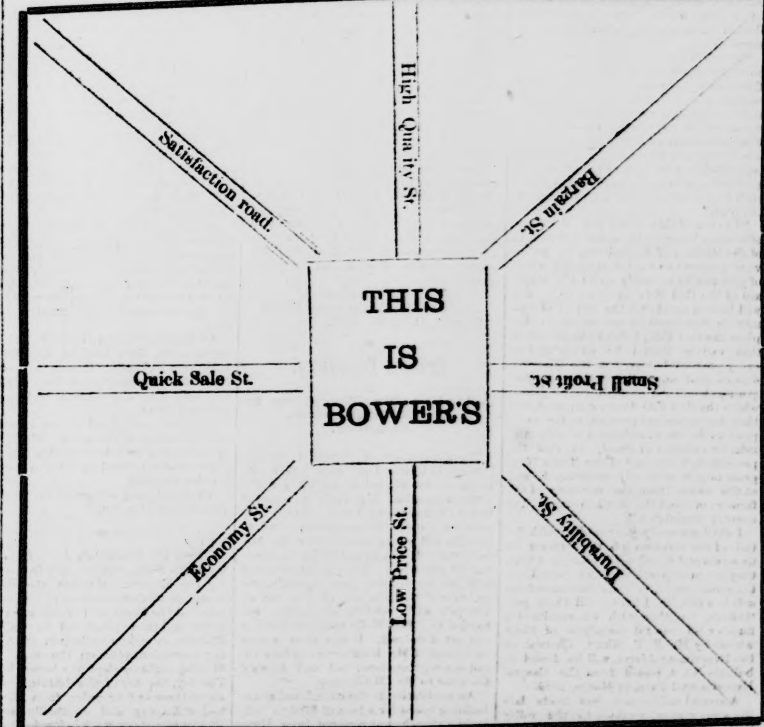
WM. WILSON,
30 St. Brandon, Man., Mich.

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To the Editor of the Star:

Many of the leading newspapers of the country have published within the past few weeks the results of a comparative test recently made in Minnesota, Minn., of the value of Ladoga wheat for milling as compared with Red Fife and other sorts in which the Ladoga wheat was held to be very inferior. Articles headed "Ladoga wheat a failure" have been common and a large number of letters of enquiry from farmers which have of late been received at the Experimental Farm, leads me to ask the use of your columns, to make what I believe to be a fair presentation of the whole question.

It has long been known that varieties of grain ripening as far north as it is possible to grow them, often acquire by a long process of acclimatization an early ripening habit. This habit, once stamped by nature on any particular variety, appears to be retained by that grain even when it is grown in localities where the season is longer. As soon as possible after the organization of the Experimental Farms was begun, efforts were made, under instruction of the Minister of Agriculture to obtain from Northern Russia some of the best early ripening varieties of wheat grown there for experimental test in Canada. Correspondence was opened in November, 1885, with a seed dealer of high repute in Riga, Mr. E. G. Geringer, and a sample of the best Red Fife obtainable was forwarded to him with the request that he would select and forward to the Experimental Farm Ottawa 100 bushels of the best early ripening wheat he could obtain, and to get it as nearly as possible equal in quality to the sample of Red Fife sent.

In reply Mr. Geringer stated that he had secured and forwarded one of the most highly esteemed early ripening varieties produced in Northern Russia. It was a wheat much valued there on account of its quality, and being grown near Lake Ladoga, in latitude 60, north of St. Petersburg, it was known as Ladoga wheat. When this wheat arrived in the spring of 1887, and before it was distributed, samples were submitted to several judges who were believed to be good judges of wheat from a North-West standpoint, and they gave it very good quality. This grain was distributed at once among farmers in Manitoba and the North-West Territories, and some of it was sent to the Indian agencies for tests. It proved earlier in ripening than Red Fife by an average of about ten days, and that early ripening quality it still retains. In the spring of 1888, a further distribution of this wheat was made, and after the harvest of that year, a sufficient quantity was obtained to make some tests of its milling qualities.

Sixteen bushels of Ladoga, which had been grown at the Experimental Farm, Indian Head, were taken with a similar quantity of the best quality of Red Fife grown in an adjoining field, to the roller mill at Fort Qu'Appelle. The flour of the Ladoga, when compared with the Red Fife, had a slightly deeper yellow shade. The product from both these varieties was forwarded to Ottawa, where tests were sent to two of the leading bakers, and after a careful test both gave it as their opinion that the Ladoga was the stronger flour of the two although darker in color. Samples of the bread, flour and grain of both Ladoga and Red Fife were submitted to the Agricultural Committee of the House of Commons, when the most critical members could find no fault with the Ladoga other than on the ground of its being a little lower than Red Fife. Samples of the Ladoga grain grown in different parts of the Dominion were also sent to the leading Boards of Trade in Canada, and to a number of special experts for their opinion. To indicate the object in view in the introduction of Ladoga wheat, permit me to quote the following from the letter which was written by me to the Boards of Trade and forwarded with the samples:

"It is well known that farmers in the northern parts of Manitoba and the Territories have in the past suffered much loss from frost wheat and they are anxious to obtain some variety which will ripen a few days earlier than the Red Fife as to admit of its being harvested before the early frosts occur. It is this feeling that farmers are willing to grow inferior varieties rather than suffer such losses as they have experienced in the past."

"In view of this condition of things, efforts are being made, under instruction of the Minister of Agriculture, to endeavor to secure an earlier ripening variety of good quality as nearly up to the standard of the Red Fife as possible. You will bear in mind that the object of this introduction is not by any means to displace the Red Fife; I think the growth of that variety should be encouraged in every practicable way, but the Minister desires that an earlier ripening variety should be secured to be grown where the Red Fife does not succeed, and thus discourage and prevent, as far as is practicable, the introduction of soft and inferior varieties of wheat, so that the present high standard of our North-West grain may be generally maintained, and at the same time, the necessity of the farmers meet and the settlement of the country stimulated."

I shall not weary your readers with details of the opinions of the experts on these several samples of Ladoga wheat; they are most perplexing and varied on the same sample, in some instances from soft to extra No. 1 hard. All these particulars, together with the results of a number of careful analyses of these wheats by Mr. F. T. Shutt, Chemist of the Experimental Farm, will be found in bulletin No. 4, issued from the Central Experimental Farm in March, 1889.

A second sowing test was made late in the same season by taking to the roller mill at Souris, Man., about 20 bushels of Ladoga and a similar quantity of Red Fife of same weight, grown at the Experimental Farm at Brandon, and the results were precisely similar to those already given.

In summing up the evidence submitted in bulletin No. 4, I wrote as follows: "The Ladoga wheat has been subjected to a searching criticism; tabular of the entire results of its growth have been given; the public has been advised of such defects as have been noted during the progress of two years' tests, and making the most liberal allowance for these defects, it seems not too much to say that the

evidence thus far obtained is sufficient to show that the Ladoga is a producer of hard and valuable variety of hard wheat, but has thus far ripened over the whole Dominion ten days earlier on the average than Red Fife; that the better samples obtained are fully as rich in gluten as the best Red Fife, and while the cultivation of the Red Fife should be recommended in every section of the North-West, and it is likely with early spring to escape the autumn frosts, the growth of the Ladoga may be safely encouraged wherever the ripening of the Red Fife is uncertain without incurring the risk of materially lowering the reputation or the general quality of Canadian hard wheats."

These, as far as I can recall, are the strongest words of praise I have ever uttered concerning Ladoga wheat, and I think no one will consider them extravagant who will read the evidence in its favor submitted in bulletin No. 4. In the two tests of making flour from Ladoga wheat grown in Canada, and its comparison with Red Fife, the Ladoga was won in every respect, both varieties being equally plump and well developed, whereas in the recently published tests at Minneapolis, a very poor sample of Ladoga wheat was taken, weighing only 57 lbs. to the bushel, and compared with a very choice sample of Red Fife, weighing 63 lbs. to the bushel. Comment on such a test is unnecessary.

When the results of the Canadian test of grinding the Ladoga were made public many of the millers thought that no satisfactory trial could be made with quantities so small as from 18 to 25 bushels (the recent Minneapolis test was with 20 bushels) and of this have been made every year since to have such a test made as would be satisfactory, one that would definitely settle the question of the relative value to the miller of Ladoga and Red Fife. I am glad to say that arrangements have lately been completed with the Dominion Milling Co., of Toronto, with this object in view, and a carload of Ladoga wheat, grown in the North-West, will shortly be available for the purpose. As soon as the results of that test are known they will be made public. In the meantime it would be unwise to attach any great weight to the opinion which has recently been made in Minneapolis.

It should never be forgotten that the work carried on by the Experimental Farms with new varieties of grain are purely experimental. No effort is spared to secure every promising sort for test, the whole world has been laid under tribute for this purpose. Many varieties of wheat have been brought from Russia, Germany, France, Great Britain and other parts of Europe; other sorts have been brought from the Cape of Good Hope and Algiers in Africa. Asia has sent its quota from the plains of India and from the mountain districts of Hindustan, from altitudes of 10,000 to 17,000 feet above the sea. Other varieties have been brought from Japan, Australia and New Zealand, to which has been added every sort obtainable from the United States and Canada. These have all been carefully tested for yield and quality, and their quality and yield recorded. A large proportion of the foreign sorts have proven very inferior to many of the varieties already grown here, and whatever may be the conclusions regarding Ladoga as compared with Red Fife, if early ripening wheat must be had, no other sort has been found so early which is equal to the Ladoga in quality, vigor and productiveness. The only reason why special prominence is believed to be the best for the North-West country of all the early ripening varieties is the Ladoga, which is the best quality, and is probably the best which has yet been produced. The Ladoga, on the average, is less productive and is more liable to rust, but until we can get a better early wheat, it may be easier to encourage the growth of this Ladoga in the more frosty districts of the North-West than to have the high character of the wheats of that country gradually lowered in value, as it now promises to be by the introduction by the farmers themselves, in their search for earlier ripening sorts, of a number of inferior sorts which are not yet known to us. In case the Ladoga should not fully realize the anticipations first formed regarding it, there is a ready good reason to believe that some of the new cross-bred sorts which have been originated at the Central Experimental Farm from the Ladoga crossed with Red Fife will combine earliness with the requisite quality.

WM. SAMPSON,
Director Experimental Farms.
Ottawa, March 15, 1892.

Brandon Presbytery.
Call to Rev. Mr. McGillivray by
Virtue Congregation.
Sustained.

The Presbytery of Brandon met at Portage la Prairie last week. Rev. A. Urquhart was elected moderator for the next six months. Mr. Hodges reported that he had moderated in a call to a minister for Carmel congregation, Virtue; that the call was in favor of Rev. D. McGillivray. It was signed by 73 members and 39 adherents. The stipend promised is \$1,000 per annum, paid monthly, together with the free use of the manse. The call with relative documents was handed in. Mr. Wells was then heard in support of the call. It was then agreed on motion of Mr. Lockhart to sustain the call as a regular pastoral call and forward the same to Mr. McGillivray.

An application to the church and manse building board for a loan of \$700 to help build a church, was received from Kenney. On motion of Mr. McTavish the application was favorably entertained. The moderator and clerk authorized to sign the same and forward it to the board.

On motion of Mr. Shearer, Dr. Robertson was nominated for moderator of the next general assembly. A petition was presented from Chater congregation asking to have the name changed to "Chater and Homeville." On motion of Mr. Lockhart this was agreed to.

The presbytery then proceeded to the election of representatives to the general assembly. The ballot being taken, Messrs. L. C. Court, A. Urquhart, A. McTavish, P. Wright and Dr. Robertson, ministers, and Messrs. Ballantyne, Lewis, Hall, Stewart and John McLeod, elders, were elected.

It was agreed to hold the next regular meeting in Brandon, in the next church there, on Tuesday, May 3rd, at 8.30 p.m. The report from the general assembly, ancient foreign mission secretary, was taken on and discussed. On motion of Mr. Rumball, it was agreed to have over the remit to the committee on summer session, to be considered and reported on at next meeting.

The committee appointed to draft a suitable minute about the translation of Mr. Rowand, recommended that the following become the resolutions of the presbytery:

The presbytery, in agreeing to the translation of Rev. Mr. Rowand to Minneapolis Presbytery, do with great regret, and only because he has indicated that his own sense of duty would lead him to accept the call from Rapid City. This reluctance arises solely out of the affection and respect cherished for him by his brethren, and their sense of the great loss the presbytery sustains by his removal. The presbytery clerk has shown much skill and aptitude in guiding the business and formulating the proceedings of the court. His services, in this respect, have been much appreciated, and the loss of them will be much felt. We gladly testify to his fidelity and success, both in pulpit and pastoral work, in a wide and laborious field, in which two new churches are standing monuments of his executive ability and zeal. He has been willing and glad to do his share and more of presbytery work. We would earnestly commend himself and family to the loving care of Him whose he is and whom he serves, and trust that many years of usefulness and joy in the Master's work await him in the new home to which he goes.

On motion of Mr. Shearer, resolved by Mr. McTavish, this was adopted as the resolution of the presbytery and the clerk instructed to forward a copy of the same to Mr. Rowand.

Mr. Wright presented the report of the mission committee. The amount of help asked from the home mission committee will be much less than last year. The report was received, considered and with some slight changes, adopted as a whole.

The following are the recommendations:

1. That Broadbent, Penrith and Kinross be a congregation with ordination money, and that it be self-sustaining.
2. That Yarlington, Ralston and Briarwood, be a mission field self-sustaining with a catechist or with a small grant for ordinary missionary.
3. That the decision of presbytery at a recent meeting attaching Saskatchewan point to Kenney field be rescinded, and that in connection of Saskatchewan point and Rugby together with Hunter's school house and Duly be erected into a mission field with a grant of \$100 per Sabbath.
4. That the Pipestone be supplied with a student during the summer, according to their request and that with such supply it be received as if continuing.
5. That Grisold, Huntington and Montebello be erected into a field; that for the coming summer a student be sent there, and that the people be encouraged to look forward to a settled pastor at an early date.
6. That Wadika and Beresford be wrought along with Souris for the present as agreed to by the Souris delegation, and that should Souris be in any way crippled by the failure of these stations to render substantial financial aid the presbytery will then ask the home mission committee for a supplement as may be necessary for this connection.
7. That Teggart, Fairfax and St. Luke be erected into a mission station with student supply, that it be encouraged to be self-sustaining from the start, but the presbytery agree to ask a small grant if necessary next September.
8. That Carleton, Riverbank, Mione, Wawa, Bertha and Nesbit be erected into a mission field with the understanding that the three last mentioned be united into one station as soon as a suitable place of worship can be erected at Nesbit.

That Resend, Kenney and Hayfield be erected into a congregation and be supplied with probationers with a view to settlement, and that a supplement of \$100 be asked to form the augmentation fund in case it be required.

On motion of Mr. Lockhart, Messrs. Shearer, Currie and Haig were appointed a committee to visit Stockton and consult with the people and supply and to report at the May meeting. The home mission committee was empowered to issue the unfinished home mission business.

As application from Hayfield was received asking for a loan of \$500.00 to help build a church. It was agreed to entertain the request, and favorably recommend it to the church and manse building board.

Mr. Currie asked and obtained leave to erect a session at Wawanesa. Mr. Shearer and one of his elders together with Mr. Currie was appointed an interim session for that purpose.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Brandon on May 3rd.

One of Dr. Barnardo's boys, from the Barnardo Farm, was seriously frozen during the blizzard. He left the riding mountain lumber camps on the Monday, called at the home and remained a few hours and then proceeded to walk to Elkhorn, intending to sleep in stacks or any convenient place on the way. On Tuesday morning he was found lying on the snow, and he had been dead for some time. He was found by a farmer who lived on one of the roads, and he was taken to the hospital where he arrived on Saturday.

A SCIENTIFIC "SIDE-DISH."

There are said to be twenty thousand kinds of butterflies, of which two-thirds are named.

The limit of temperature in cases of fever is generally considered 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

The observations indicate a velocity of twenty-six miles a second for Algol and its diameter as one million miles.

The human body contains 14 gallons of blood, but the blood corpuscles contained therein, if placed end to end, would reach four times around the globe.

The delicate mechanism of the stomach contains, according to a physiologist's discovery, fully 3,000,000 minute glands that are constantly secreting gastric juice.

On Rime reports, before the Royal Geographical Society in Madrid, the discovery of a strange people in Greece living in caves and inaccessible retreats, speaking a curious language and possessing a hairy skin.

According to the theory of Mr. Thompson, the end of the world (which is 10,000 years in the future) will not be brought about by excessive heat, as hinted in the Bible, but by the remnant of humanity being frozen to death.

IMPERSONAL MENTION.

A person published in the other day at Golden, Ind., worth \$25,000, who was supposed to be in most destitute circumstances.

There is a convict in the Georgia penitentiary who can't get out, though he has served his term, and he is now a prisoner of the State of Georgia.

There is a man in Ohio, Minn., who has been in the same place of land in the past seven years. The owner and his wife have tried to find out how to get him out.

Among the weavers employed in a mill at St. Louis, Mo., will be found a woman who spins six feet and three inches in a day, and her feet are in a large and heavy proportion. She is now in a hospital for any man about the mill office in boxing or wrestling.

A VARIETY OF THINGS.

The average cricket will travel eight hundred miles in eight days.

Four million steel pens are consumed daily throughout the world.

It is reported in Brooklyn, N. Y., is that a man being the wisest man in the world.

There is a man in the city of Danville, Ind., who is the best when he wants to get a horse.

There are a lot of shapes of hair, and one of the most common is the one that is being formed.

A man named Mr. Atkinson, Kan., has been in the city of Danville, Ind., for a long time. This is the first time between the two places on record.

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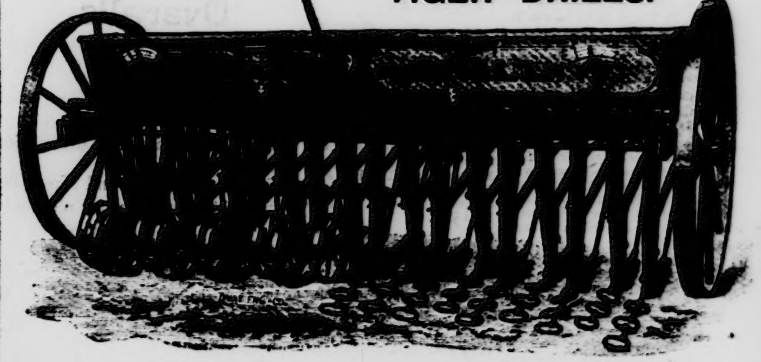
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